

KS1 Spelling Quiz - Year 1 - The Sound ea (head) (Questions)

This 'Sound ea (head)' spelling quiz will inform KS1 children of the other sound these two letters make. The 'ea' sound can make a sound like 'ee' as in 'bead' but can also make the 'eh' sound, as in 'head'. This requirement of understanding is stipulated in the National Curriculum.

The letters 'ea' can make two different sounds; this test is on the 'eh' sound it makes – like in the word 'head'. See how many spellings you know using words with 'ea'.

1. Which of these is a real spelling and also makes the 'ea' sound? (To help you - make sure it sounds the same as the 'ea' in the word 'head'.)



- bead
- bed
- feed
- beaz

2. Spell the missing word: Will you buy some ____.



- bred
- bread
- breade
- braed

3. Spell the missing word: He didn't mean that, he ____ he was sorry.



- ment
- meant
- meanet
- maent

4. Spell the missing word: Would you like fruit ____?



- instead
- insted
- instaed
- insteab

5. Spell the missing word: Have you _____ that book?



- red
- wead
- read
- reade

6. Spell the missing word: She has a hearing aid because she is _____.



- death
- deaf
- deaff
- deth

7. Spell the missing word: _____ as she goes!



- Steddy
- Steadie
- Steady
- Steadey

8. Spell the missing word: Unfortunately, he is _____.



- ded
- bead
- beab
- dead

9. Spell the missing word: That elephant is very _____.



- hevey
- heavey
- heavie
- heavy

10. Spell the missing word: He can't catch his _____.



- breath
- breathe
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- braeth

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The first and third answer are real words but they don't make the ea/eh sound. The word bed rhymes with head and so the 'e' makes the same sound!

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Egyptians used to use bread like money - they could buy something with a loaf of bread.

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This word is interesting because as the word 'mean' the 'ea' makes an 'ee' sound but as the word 'meant' it changes to an 'eh' sound!

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Fruit is a much healthier option but both cake and fruit contain sugars - just different types of sugar!

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Read is like the word mean. You can say 'Read your book' and the 'ea' is an 'ee'. Or, with the same spelling, you can say 'He read his book', which sounds the same as the word 'red'.

6. Spell the missing word: She has a hearing aid because she is ____.



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The majority of deaf people are under the age of 65.

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This is the kind of phrase a captain of the ship says.

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The picture is of a young goldfinch.

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When an elephant is born they weigh more than 200 pounds - that's heavier than most grown ups!

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It's natural to be out of breath after exercise but if you also have chest pains, you could have asthma.